

MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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To The Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my twenty ninth Annual Report of the District of Milnrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed:

## Population

The estimated population for 1957 is 8,410, with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £77,036 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £321.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

## Vital Statistics.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Births in 1957	124	63	61
Deaths in 1957	100	46	54
Deaths in infants under one year	Nil	Nil	Nil
Still births	1	1	Nil

Rates per 1,000 of Population

<u>Live Births</u>		<u>Deaths</u> ( <u>all causes</u> )		<u>Stillbirths</u>		<u>Maternal Mortality</u>		<u>Infant Mortality</u>	
No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No. of	Rate	No. of	Rate
Reg.	per	Reg.	per	Reg.	per	deaths	per	deaths	per
	1,000		1,000		1,000	Reg.	1,000	Reg.	1,000
	Pop.		Pop.		births		total		live
							births.		births

1957	124	14.9	100	12.4	1	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1956	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	33	Nil	Nil	3	34

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VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT  
DURING 1957 AND PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		Maternal Mortality	
		No.	Rate	No	Rate	Under 1 year	Rate	Deaths	Rate
1939	8375	105	12.5	126	15.1	5	47	2	18
1940	8072	118	14.6	116	14.3	3	25	1	8.06
1941	7895	117	14.8	115	14.5	5	42	Nil	
1942	7663	110	14.3	90	11.7	6	54	Nil	
1943	7520	116	15.4	108	14.3	9	77	Nil	
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	128	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8596	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19
1953	8535	134	15.3	90	9.9	2	15	Nil	
1954	8540	100	11.9	117	13.2	1	10	Nil	
1955	8500	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	
1956	8460	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	34	Nil	
1957	8410	124	14.9	100	12.4	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Birth Rate

In 1957 the live births belonging to this district were 63 males and 61 females

The birth rate in 1957 was	14.9
The birth rate in 1956 was	10.4
The increase in 1957 on the previous year was	4.5

Death Rate

In 1957 the deaths belonging to this district were 46 males and 54 females.

The death rate in 1957 was	12.4
The death rate in 1956 was	15.2
The decrease in 1957 on the previous year was	2.8

In 1957 the registered deaths were lower than the births by 24  
In 1956 the registered deaths were higher than the births by 41

During the year 55 people belonging to this district died outside it:

Birch Hill Hospital	39
Rochdale Infirmary	7
Marland Hospital	3
Manchester Royal Infirmary	1
Kendray Hospital, Barnsley	1
Fairfield General Hospital, Bury	1
Manchester Royal Eye Hospital	1
Rochdale	2
	55



The causes of death were:-

Syphilitic diseases	1
Malignant Neoplasm stomach	6
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	4
Diabetes	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	16
Coronary disease, angina	9
Hypertension with heart disease	4
Other heart diseases	14
Other circulatory diseases	3
Influenza	3
Pneumonia	5
Bronchitis	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	8
Motor vehicle accidents	1
All other accidents	2
Suicide	1
	<u>100</u>

#### Infant Mortality

During 1957 there were no deaths of infants under one year.

The infantile Mortality Rate in 1957 was	Nil
The infantile Mortality Rate in 1956 was	34
The decrease in 1957 on the previous year was	34
The Maternal Mortality during 1957 was	Nil
The Maternal Mortality during 1956 was	Nil

#### Causes of Infectious Diseases Notified during the year 1957

Notifiable Diseases	Total	Under 1 Year.	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	Over 65	Cases removed to hospital
Scarlet Fever	1						1							1
Measles	152	8	21	22	27	24	49	1						
Whooping Cough	3		1			1		1						
Tuberculosis	3										1		2	
Dysentery	2						2							
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Under the National Health Service Act the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

#### Maternity and Child Welfare

<u>Clinic</u>	There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, (Consultation) open every Tuesday 2-0 to 4-0.p.m.
<u>Ante Natal</u>	Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1, Wesley Street when the clinic is open.
<u>Midwifery</u>	Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

<u>Home Helps</u>	There are 7 home helps in the district
<u>Cleansing Centre</u>	Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.
<u>Immunisation</u>	Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.
<u>Ambulance Facilities</u>	The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Littleborough.
<u>Infectious Diseases</u>	The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

Before closing the report, I should like to draw your attention to a few facts.

1. There has been no case of Diphtheria notified in the district since 1944. Immunisation was started at the Albert Mills during the war in 1940.
2. It is the first time since 1900 that no infant deaths (under 1 year) have occurred.
3. The Birth rate has gone up this year - first time since 1951.  
Death rate, still births and infantile mortality rate are all down.
4. During the year, 12 Demolition orders and 12 Closing orders were made.
5. 22 Bungalows and 5 houses were completed during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE, M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1957

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the Urban District Council

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my thirteenth Annual Report.

The work of slum clearance continues and during the year 12 Demolition Orders and 12 Closing Orders were made; 11 houses demolished and 73 people re-housed.

The 22 bungalows were completed and these were used for the re-housing of tenants from houses under slum clearance, either by direct movement or by re-housing council tenants and re-housing displaced slum clearance tenants into these houses.

The work of conversion of the two back to back houses, 6 Major Street and 12 Sarah Jane Street, has been completed and the houses occupied.

During the year there has been an increase in the slaughtering in the district and has necessitated more time being devoted to this work.

Owing to the continued increase in legislation and duties it is not possible to devote the amount of time to every phase of the work but every endeavour is made to try to keep all sections of the work under control according to their urgency.

A further 1,200 trees have been planted on the tip during the year.

Housing Statistics for 1957

Number of houses erected during the year:-

By other bodies	5
By Local Authority	22

Number in course of erection	3
	10 plans approved.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	99
Number of inspections made for the purpose	243
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	24
Number of dwellings (excluding those referred to under the preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	34

Remedy of defects during the year without the service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after serving of formal notice	
(a) by owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Acts, 1935

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	12
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	10

Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Act, 1953

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	12
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	11

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the Year	
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil

Housing Act, 1949

During the year 10 Improvement Grants were made under the above Act.

Rent Act, 1957

21 application have been made for certificates of disrepair. 2 Certificates have been issued. 12 Undertakings received from landlords; 3 notices of intention to issue certificates of disrepair sent to landlords and in 4 instances, the work was carried out prior to issue of Certificates of Disrepair.

Public Health Acts

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 99; of this total 2 were inspected owing to the occurrence of infectious diseases. The remaining inspections were made on account of general defects etc.

Other inspections made are shown in Table "A" and Nuisances abated in table "B"

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale and Oldham Corporations and is a direct supply to the houses.

Of the 3166 houses of the district, 2977 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the district where a water main is not available and are farms, farm cottages and small hamlets.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Rodent Control

The following summary gives details of the work carried out during the year:-

	<u>Properties Inspected</u>	<u>No. of Properties Infested</u>	<u>No. of Treatments</u>
Local Authority	2	Nil	Nil
Dwelling Houses	123	24	24
Business premises	95	6	6
Agricultural premises	17	-	-

There were no cases of infestation of a serious nature

#### Scavenging

The sanitary accommodation at the end of the year was:-

Fresh Water closets	2979
Waste Water Closets	41
Pail Closets	172
Ashbins	2/10

#### Cleansing Service

##### Domestic Refuse

The Cleansing service is operated by two refuse collection vehicles and 8 men, and collect domestic refuse, nightsoil and offal.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The vehicles travelled 8,754 miles and collected 1,753 loads of refuse, nightsoil and offal

The figures are made up as follows:-

	<u>Mileage.</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Domestic Refuse	6,732	1,549
Nightsoil	1,438	157
Offal	584	47

During the year 1,144 hours have been lost by the cleansing service owing to sickness.

#### Salvage

14 tons, 2 cwts, of tins have been salvaged and sold to Rochdale Corporation for baling. Also 4 tons, 15 cwts, 3 qrs. of ferrous metals have been sold.

#### Tip

1,200 trees have been planted on the tip. 500 Grey Alder and 700 Sycamore.

#### Factories

There are 51 factories in the district - 50 mechanical and 1 non-mechanical.

##### Mechanical

10 Cotton Spinners	1 Surgical Cotton Manufacturer
2 Waste Mills	1 Quarry
1 Flannel Manufacturer	3 Joiners
5 Engineering Works,	9 Bakehouses
1 Woodwork machinists	3 garages
1 Laundry	1 Wool Sorter
1 Plumber	1 Hide Skin and Pickers
1 Electrical Engineer	1 Slipper Manufacturers
1 Paper Tube Manufacturer	1 Television Assembling
1 Brickworks	1 Spring Maker
4 Bleaching and Dyeing.	

##### Non-Mechanical

1 Plumber.



During the year 63 visits were made to factories re sanitary accommodation, canteens, boiler plants, and means of escape in case of fire.

Factories Act, 1937, Section 34

Means of Escape in Case of Fire

During the year 3 Certificates of adequate means of escape in case of fire have been issued.

Work is being carried out at 2 other factories to provide adequate means of escape in case of fire.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory has been granted a licence under this Act to manufacture Rag Flock.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

25 visits were made under the above regulations and, 2 wash hand basins were provided and fixed, hot water provided to sinks 7. Showcases and screens provided and fixed 10. New sinks fixed, 6. Refrigerated show cases provided 4. Floor relaid, 1.

Food Preparing Premises and Food Shops

There are 14 bakehouses and 17 visits have been made to the premises. The general standard is good.

The ovens at these premises are heated by gas, electricity and solid fuels. 8 gas, 1 electricity and 5 solid.

Food Shops

There are 13 butchers, 7 Fried Fish and Chip Shops, 32 Grocery and Provisions, 16 Confectioners and 11 Greengrocery and Fish.

Milk

Schools and Day Nurseries

All milk supplied to schools is pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

	<u>No. Taken.</u>	<u>Phosphates Test</u>		<u>Methy. Blue Test</u>	
		<u>S.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>
Schools	6	6	-	6	-
Day Nurseries	2	2	-	2	-

Milk (Special Designation) Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk Regulations, 1945/1950

50 Licences have been granted to sell "Sterilised"  
22 Licences have been granted to sell "Pasteurised"

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

23 Licences have been granted for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955

A total of 52 samples was obtained by the Food & Drugs Department of the Lancashire County Council, consisting of 35 samples of milk and 17 others comprising:-

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Flour              | 1 Iron tonic tablets |
| 1 Lard               | 1 Meat - canned      |
| 1 Borax B.P.         | 1 Demarara sugar     |
| 2 Soup - canned      | 1 Butter             |
| 1 Friars balsam B.P. | 1 Bacon              |
| 2 Tincture of iodine | 1 Bread              |
| 3 Pudding mix        |                      |

With the exception of the sample of milk detailed below, all the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Milk	Freezing point indicates the presence of 0.3% of extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned and further samples obtained.

#### Slaughterhouses

Food and Drugs Act, 1938 Section 57

There are 5 Licensed Slaughterhouses in the district  
The standard of cleanliness has been satisfactory

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

13 Licences to slaughter or stun animals have been issued during the year.

#### Meat Inspection

<u>Visits</u>	<u>No of Animals Slaughtered</u>						
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Heifers</u>	<u>Bullocks</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep &amp; Lambs</u>
616	5397	921	252	121	269	276	3558

2 tons, 3 cwt of meat have been condemned during the year.  
The main reasons for condemnation were Tuberculosis, Distoma Hepaticum, Abscesses, etc.

The meat is conveyed to the Rochdale Corporation Cleansing Department for destruction.

Of the cattle inspected, 3.96% were affected with Tuberculosis.  
The grade of cattle slaughtered has been of a high grade and many are from attested herds.

#### Unsound Food

The undermentioned foodstuffs have been examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption

- 1 Tin Brisket Beef
- 4 tins Corned beef
- 4 tins Pineapple slices
- 2 tins Heinz Beans,
- 1 tin Egg Custard
- 7 tins Ham
- 6 tins Salmon
- 20 lbs. Finnon Haddock

#### Shops Acts

The following is a list of shops in the district

- |                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| 16 Confectioners | 1 Corn Merchants          |
| 13 Butchers      | 10 Drapers                |
| 5 Boot and Shoe  | 4 Electrical Goods        |
| 2 Chemists       | 7 Fried Fish & Chip Shops |



1 Fancy Goods	2 Paint and Wallpaper
32 Grocery and Provisions	1 Second Hand Dealer
11 Greengrovery and Fish	1 Tripe
1 Gowns	4 Sweets and Tobacco
10 Hairdressers	1 Cycle Accessories
5 Hardware	1 Drug Store
8 Newsagents	1 Herbalist

Licenced Premises.

20 Public Houses  
7 Clubs  
2 Off Licences.

86 visits have been made to shops during the year.

The provisions of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

Smoke Abatement

The industrial chimneys are being kept under observation and every effort is made to prevent the emission of quantities of dense smoke.

Infection and Disinfection

There were 161 cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year.

Measles	152
Tuberculosis	3
Scarlet Fever	1
Whooping Cough	3
Dysentery	2

1 of the cases of infectious diseases notified was removed to hospital.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercist of my duties as Public Health Inspector.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN.

Public Health Inspector.

TABLE "A"

Inspection of Dwelling Houses	99
Re-inspection of Dwelling Houses	144
Inspection of Factories	63
Inspection of Farms	13
Inspection of Bakehouses	17
Inspection re Food, Hygiene Regulations	25
Inspection of Fried Fish and Chip Shops	5
Inspection of Licensed Premises	4
Inspection of Canteens	3
Inspection of Schools	6
Inspection of Tip	128
Visits re Rats and Mice	156
Inspection of drainage	31
Visits re applications for Council houses	19
Inspection of Shops (Shops Act)	86
Visits to Day Nurseries	10
Visits re unsound food	16
Visits re Water supplies	8
Visits to slaughterhouses	616
Miscellaneous Inspections	49
Visits not inspections	98
Visits re smoke abatement	8
	<u>1604</u>

TABLE "B"

Eavesgutters repaired	3
Choked Drains released	5
Roofs repaired	4
Ceiling plaster repaired	2
Window frames repaired	9
Percolations	3
Wall plaster repaired	1
New Ashbins provided	5
Ashbins renewed	193
Infestations, Rats and Mice	30
Sanitary Pails renewed	7
Dampness	3
Water supplies	4
San. accommodation	6
W.C. door frame repaired	1
Def. W.W.C.s	13
Floor boards repaired	1
W.C. renewed	1
Sink waste pipe repaired	1
Stairs repaired	1
Burning of refuse	2
Hot water provided to sinks	7
Wash hand basins provided	2
Showcases and screens provided	10
Sinks provided	6
Refrigerated counters provided	4
Floor relaid	1
	<u>325</u>

